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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN LABOR CONFEDERATION HOPING TO POSTPONE
ORIT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

1. JOSE VARGAS, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY OF VENEZUELAN CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (CTV), STATES THAT CTV WISHES TO POSTPONE ORIT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING NOW SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON EARLY MAY. VARGAS CLAIMS THAT HOLDING FORTHCOMING MEETIN IN UNITED STATES PLACES LATIN AMERICAN MEMBERS OF ORIT IN AWKWARD POSITION IN VIEW OF ORIT'S TIES WITH ICFTU AND AFL-CIO'S CURRENT LACK OF RELATIONS WITH ICFTU. VARGAS FAVORS AS AN ALTERNATIVE HAVING ORIT EXECUTIVE BOARD OR CONGRESS MEET ON "NEUTRAL GROUND" IN MEXICO WHERE UNITED STATES COULD BE APPROPRIATELY REPRESENTED.

2. VARGAS SUGGESTS THAT PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS AMONG AFL-CIO, MEXICAN CTM, AND CTV SHOULD TAKE PLACE TO "RESOLVE PROBLEMS OF ORIT" BEFORE A MORE GENERAL MEETING IS HELD.

3. NEITHER VARGAS NOR PENALVER WILL ATTEND WASHINGTON MEETING IF HELD, ALLEGING PRESSURES OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGN PREVENT THEIR DEPARTURE. IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES THAT OLIVO AND MALAVE ALSO WOULD NOT ATTEND.

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4. VARGAS SAID THAT PERSON PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN PROMOTING WASHINGTON MEETING OF ORIT'S EXECUTIVE BOARD IS ORIT SECRETARY

GENERAL ARTURO JAUREGUI. VARGAS INTIMATED THAT JAUREGUI HAD CULTIVATED AND SUBSEQUENTLY ANTAGONIZED LABOR LEADERSHIP OF UNITED STATES, EUROPE, AND LATIN AMERICA, AND IS NOW AGAIN CULTIVATING SUPPORT IN UNITED STATES.

5. BOGOTA IS REQUESTED TO PASS SUBSTANCE OF THIS MESSAGE TO DOHERTY.

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